GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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HOUSING FACILITIES FOR URBAN AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented any such scheme aimed at providing housing facilities to urban poor who are almost dwelling on footpath and other open sites to protect themselves from onslaught of natural climate conditions;

(b) if so, the brief details of such schemes with the release of funds, State-wise during the last three years;

(c) whether there is any complaint from any State Governments for discriminatory allocation of funds under IHSDP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Scheme known as Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) was launched in December, 2001 for providing housing to the Below Poverty Line population as well as Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of society in urban areas.With a view to provide housing and basic services to the urban poor including slum dwellers, the Central Government launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December, 2005. The Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) component of JNNURM assists 63 select cities with projects for construction of houses and provision of basic services to the urban poor including security of tenure at affordable prices, improved housing, water supply, sanitation and ensuring delivery through convergence of other already existing universal services for education, health and social security. Other cities/towns are covered under the Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) component of JNNURM. Additional Central Assistance (ACA) is provided to States to the tune of 50 to 90% of project cost under BSUP and 80 to 90% of project cost under the IHSDP depending upon the category of city/town. The duration of JNNURM is seven years beginning from the 2005-06. VAMBAY has been subsumed in the IHSDP. State-wise details of the funds released under VAMBAY, BSUP and IHSDP during the last three years are annexed.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.